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A SHORT VINDICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE GENERAL HOSPITAL at BATH,

In Relation to

Mr. *Archibald Cleland*,

Late SURGEON to the ſaid HOSPITAL;

WHEREIN

The ſeveral FACTS miſrepreſented in a PAMPHLET, call'd, *An Appeal to the Publick*, by Mr. *Cleland*,

ARE FAIRLY STATED.

To which is prefix'd,

A ſhort Narrative *of the* Proceedings.

By the GOVERNORS *of the* HOSPITAL, *who voted for Mr.* Cleland's *Diſmiſſion.*

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A SHORT VINDICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNORS

ERRATA.

PAGE 31, Line 24, after the Word *Committee*, add, *and the General Court.*

NARRATIVE

Of the moſt Remarkable

PARTICULARS, &c.

AT a MEETING of the COMMITTEE, in the *Committee-Room*, at the *New General Hoſpital*, on *Wedneſday* the 19th of *October*, 1743.

PRESENT,

F. FAUQUIER, *Deputy-Preſident*,	Dr. WM. OLIVER,
Mr. PHILIP ALLEN,	Mr. WM. HOARE,
Mr. PAUL BERTRAND,	Mr. JER. PIERCE,
Mr. JOHN MORRIS,	Mr. JOHN STAGG,
Rev. Mr. FRIEND,	Rev. Mr. J. CHAPMAN,
Dr. THO. BREWSTER,	Mr. SAMUEL BUSH,
	Mr. JAMES LEAKE.

ORDERED,

THAT the NARRATIVE annexed, of the moſt remarkable Particulars, in Relation to Mr. *Cleland's Diſmiſſion* from the Service of the *Hoſpital*, be entered in the Minute Book.

ON the 7th of *Sept.* 1743, at the Weekly Court of Committees, held at the *General Hoſpital* at BATH, Mr. *Bertrand*, one of the Governors, moved, *That an Enquiry ſhould be made into certain indecent Practices laid to the Charge of Mr.* Cleland, *one of the Surgeons, in the ſaid* Hoſpital, *by Two of the Female Patients belonging to the* Princeſs's-Ward, *viz.* Mary Hudſon, *and* Mary Hooke; *the former being Doctor* Oliver's *Patient, troubled with Hyſteric Fits; the latter Doctor* Rayner's, *afflicted with a Leproſy; and both under the Care of Mr.* Wright, *as their Surgeon.*——And herein he was ſeconded by Mr. *Morris*, Apothecary to the *Hoſpital*, and perpetual Houſe-Viſitor; who, at the ſame Time, produced an Account of Particulars taken by him, in Writing, from the Complainants own Mouths. ——Upon this They were ordered to appear; and, being queſtioned as to the Subject of their Complaint, they perſiſted to atteſt the Truth of every Article contained in the ſaid Writing; and had their Evidence further ſtrengthened, by the concurring Teſtimony of the Two Nurſes of the aforeſaid Ward.——But the Accuſation being of an *important Nature*, and ſuch as highly affected the *Character* of Mr. *Cleland*; it was thought proper by Mr. *Allen*, (a Governor, and, at the ſame Time, Mayor of the City) for the better aſcertaining and fixing the Truth, to take the Depoſitions of the ſaid Patients, upon Oath; which was accordingly done.

BATH

BATH CITY.

The INFORMATION *of* MARY HUDSON, *one of the Patients in the* General Hoſpital *at the ſaid City, taken on her Oath this 7th of* September, 1743.

" WHO being Examined upon her " Oath, ſaith, That about three " Weeks ago, (as this Informant beſt re- " membreth) *Archibald Cleland*, One of " the Surgeons belonging to the ſaid *Hoſ- " pital*, came ſeveral Times to this In- " formant,

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*** *Mr.* Cleland *having in his* Appeal, &c. *p.* 7, *falſely aſſerted, that the Papers taken by Mr.* Morris, *from the Mouths of* Hudſon *and* Hooke, *were fairly copied by the Deputy Town-Clerk, and then ſworn to: The Governors have thought it proper to print thoſe Papers, that the Reader may compare them with the Affidavits, and ſee how they differ from them.——This Difference was occaſioned by the young Women's being caution'd to be careful as to what they ſwore, and by their being examined to each Particular; which the Governors perſiſted in; tho' one of their own Body moved,* That the particular Examination might be waved, and Mr. *Morris*'s Papers ſworn to, in order to ſave the young Women from the Shock of anſwering the neceſſary Queſtions.

Princeſs's-Ward.

" MARY HUDSON declareth, That Mr. *Cleland*, the Sur- " geon, came ſeveral Times to her, and aſked what " were her Complaints: That being ſoon after taken with " Fits, as uſual, and he being in the Room, came to her (the " Nurſe

" formant, and aſked her her Complaints: " And that ſoon after being taken with Fits " as uſual, and He the ſaid *Cleland* be- " ing then in the Room, (the Nurſe ſtand- " ing by) He immediately upon her inform- " ing that ſhe had a conſtant Pain between " the Belly and Stomach; He, the ſaid " *Cleland* put his Hands into the Bed, " where this Informant lay, and put his " Finger up her Body; at which Time ſhe " was then, thro' her Diſorder, inſenſible " what He did, but ſhe was inform'd He " did uſe her in Manner aforeſaid, by " Mr. *Wright* Surgeon: And ſhe ſaith, " That ſhe believeth it to be true; and the " rather, becauſe the ſaid Mr. *Cleland*, " Two ſeveral Times after, treated this In- " formant in the ſame Manner, which ſhe " ſaith

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" Nurſe being by;) he immediately, upon her Information " that ſhe had a conſtant Pain between her Belly and Stomach, " put his Hands into Bed, and put his Fingers up her Body; " at which Time ſhe was then, through her Diſorder, inſen- " ſible of what he did. The ſecond Time, having been with " *Sarah Appleby*, deceas'd, ſhe told him, that *Mary Hudſon* " was very ill, and much the ſame Diſorder with her's; where- " upon he came to her Bed-Side, (who was then ſenſible) " and aſked how ſhe did? She anſwered, indifferent; and, " without farther Enquiry, pull'd down the Bed-Cloaths, in- " troduc'd his Fingers in Manner aforeſaid, and hurted her " very much; and likewiſe a third Time after the ſame Man- " ner, contrary to her Deſire.

" MARY HUDSON."

Princeſs's-

" ſaith He did contrary to the Deſire of this " Informant.

" MARY HUDSON.

" *Sworn at the City aforeſaid, the Day and Year above-written, before Me,*

" RALPH ALLEN."

BATH CITY.

The INFORMATION *of* MARY HOOKE, *one of the Patients in the* General Hoſpital, *in the ſaid City, this 7th Day of* September, 1743.

" WHO being examined, upon her " Oath, ſaith, That Mr. *Archibald Cleland*, one of the Surgeons of the " ſaid *Hoſpital*, was often aſking this Informant her Diſorder: And that one " Evening

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Princeſs's-Ward.

" MARY HOOKE declareth, That Mr. *Cleland* was often " aſking her what was her Diſorder; and that one Even- " ing, (having been with *Appleby*, ſince deceas'd,) ſhe, the ſaid " *Appleby*, came with him to *Hooke*'s Bed-Side, when he aſked " her how her Leproſy was, and if he could ſee it; ſhe told " him he could not, unleſs ſhe unlac'd herſelf: He ſaid, no " Child,

" Evening, as this Informant was with
" *Appleby*, deceas'd, the ſaid *Appleby* came
" with the ſaid Mr. *Cleland* to this Infor-
" mant's Bed-Side, and aſked her how her
" Leproſy was, and if he could ſee it. She
" anſwered, No, unleſs ſhe unlac'd herſelf.
" Mr. *Cleland* anſwered, There was no

" Child, there's no Occaſion; but put his Hands upon her
" Shoulders, and puſhed her down upon the Bed, *Appleby* was
" by and held the Curtains, he took up her Coats, and examin'd
" her Belly, and extended her Legs, making Uſe of his Fin-
" gers, in Manner aforeſaid, but did not hurt her much at
" that Time.

" The ſecond Time (having then been with *Appleby*) he
" came and call'd *Hooke* into the Nurſe's Room, bolted the
" Door, and throw'd her down upon the Bed, very much
" againſt her Inclinations; and hurted her ſo much with his
" Fingers, that ſhe was not well for a Fortnight, and brought
" down Blood with his Fingers. A third Time, having been
" with *Appleby*, he came and called *Hooke* into the Nurſe's
" Room, ſeated himſelf in a Chair, and pull'd her to him,
" put his Hands up her Coats, and hurted her again very much.
" He called her again a fourth Time, but ſhe would not come
" to him; when he came to her, and deſired ſhe wou'd let
" him know the next Time ſhe was out of Order, and he
" would examine her, and give her ſomething that would be
" of great Service to her: He had been ſeveral Times there,
" but the Girls always fly from him, 'till lately he was forbid
" the Room.

" *Hooke* farther affirmeth, that the Night before *Appleby*
" died, ſhe watched with her; and that ſhe took her by the
" Hand, and begg'd her, for God and Chriſt's Sake, that he
" might never touch her more, for that he wou'd bring her
" into the ſame Way; and wiſh'd ſhe had never been under his
" Care; and that he had done her Buſineſs.

The Mark of MARY † HOOKE."

" Occaſion,

" Occaſion; but put his Hands upon her " Shoulders, and puſhed her down upon " the Bed: He took up her Coats, and " examin'd her Belly, extended her Legs, " and put his Fingers into her Body, but " did not * HURT her much that Time. " She further ſaith, he came a ſecond Time, " took her into the Nurſe's Room, bolted " the Door, and uſed her in the ſame " Manner; and then hurt her ſo much, " ſhe was not well for a Fortnight, and " brought down Blood: And ſhe ſaith, the " ſaid Mr. *Cleland* treated her a third Time, " in the ſaid Manner: And ſhe further " ſaith, he came a fourth Time, and called " to this Informant; but ſhe refuſed to " come to him. Upon that the ſaid Mr. " *Cleland* came to this Informant, and de- " ſired to let him know her Caſe *the next* " *Time* ‡; and that he would examine her, " and be of Service to her: And ſhe ſaith, " the ſaid Mr. *Cleland* hath been here ſe- " veral Times ſince: And ſhe ſaith, that " ſhe and the other Girls always fly from " him: And ſhe ſaith, that the Night be- " fore *Appleby* died, ſhe, this Informant, " watched with her; and that the ſaid " *Appleby* took her by the Hand, and " begg'd her, for God's Sake, that he,

* The Word, HURT, was omitted in the Original Affidavit, thro' a Miſtake of the Deputy Town-Clerk.

‡ The Senſe of this Expreſſion is explain'd in Mr. *Morris*'s Papers.

" meaning

" meaning Mr. *Cleland*, might never touch
" her more; for that he would bring her
" into the ſame Way: And ſaid, *Appleby*
" wiſhed ſhe had never been under his
" Care; for that he had done her Buſineſs:
" And ſhe laſtly ſaith, that it was contrary
" to her Deſire that Mr. *Cleland* uſed her in
" the Manner aforeſaid: And ſhe ſaith, that
" Mr. *Wright* was then Surgeon to this
" Informant.

" *The Mark of* MARY ‡ HOOKE.

" *Sworn at the City aforeſaid, the Day and Year above-written, before,*
" *Me,*
" RALPH ALLEN."

AFTER this a General Court was appointed, at the Diſtance of fourteen Days, as the Act of Parliament directs; and the ſame was ordered to be notified to Mr. *Cleland*, by the Regiſter, together with the Matter of the Accuſation brought againſt him, that he might then offer what he had to ſay in his Vindication; But, in the mean Time, it was deem'd neceſſary, that Mr. *Cleland* (whilſt lying under ſuch a Charge, and withal ſo ſtrongly atteſted) ſhould be ſuſpended from any further Attendance on the *Hoſpital*, 'till, after a fair Hearing, his Conduct might appear in a true Light; and himſelf be either

either acquitted, or cenſured, as his Behaviour ſhould deſerve.

THE Regiſter reporting to the next Committee, that Mr. *Cleland* deſir'd Copies of the Affidavits: It was then ordered, that ſuch Copies ſhould be ſent to him; and he was accordingly put in Poſſeſſion of them the Day following, which was the 15th of *September*.

AT the General Court, held on the 21ſt of the ſame Month, Mr. *Cleland* appeared; when Doctor *Oliver*, the Vice-Preſident, laid before him the Complaints brought againſt his Behaviour, by the aforeſaid Patients; whoſe Depoſitions, taken upon Oath, were then read to him: After which Mr. *Cleland* being queſtioned as to the Truth of the Facts therein ſpecified, firſt attempted to invalidate the Evidence of the Complaints, by endeavouring to prove them Women of immodeſt Lives; and affirmed of *Mary Hudſon*, in particular, that her Fits were counterfeit; However, he allowed many of the Facts contained in the Affidavits to be true; and did not attempt to ſhew, that the Complainants had any Temptation to vary from the Truth, in any of them. He alſo produced a written Defence; which, after having been firſt read by himſelf, and then peruſed by ſome of the Governors then preſent, was returned again, at his Requeſt, into his own Hands.

HE admitted that he had examined *Mary Hudſon* three Times; but denied that he had examined

Mary Hooke more than Twice: He alſo denied, that he had put the Nurſe out of the Room during the Examination of *Mary Hooke*; or that he had bolted the Door; or that he had brought down Blood from the Body of *Mary Hooke*.——For an Anſwer to the Three laſt Queſtions, *See the Affidavits of* Mary Bally, *and* Sarah Buffet, *which were then taken.* *

BATH CITY.

The INFORMATION *of* MARY BALLY, *one of the Nurſes in the* Princeſs's-Ward, *in the* New Infirmary *at* BATH *aforeſaid, taken on Oath the 21ſt Day of* September, *as followeth:*

" THIS Informant ſayeth, that about
" a Month or five Weeks ſince, ſhe
" was in her Room, in the ſaid Ward, with
" one *Sarah Appleby*, and Mr. *Archibald*
" *Cleland*, one of the Surgeons belonging to
" the ſaid *Hoſpital*; and that after the ſaid
" Mr. *Cleland* had performed ſome Operation
" in Surgery on the ſaid *Appleby*, the ſaid

* Dr. *Smart*'s, Mr. *Trevanion*'s, and Old *Mary Hooke*'s Evidence were, in Order of Time, taken before *Bally*'s and *Buffet*'s; tho' they are thus tranſpos'd, the better to preſerve the Brevity of the *Narrative*. All that is ſaid here of his Defence, is by Memory, tho' it perfectly agrees with what he has printed: His written Defence was never return'd to the Governors.

" Mr.

" Mr. *Cleland* call'd *Mary Hooke*, one of
" the Patients in the ſaid *Hoſpital*, and who
" was then under the Care of Mr. *Wright*,
" another Surgeon belonging to the ſaid *Hoſ-*
" *pital*, into the ſaid Room; and upon the
" ſaid *Hooke*'s coming into the ſaid Room,
" the ſaid *Cleland* deſired this Informant to
" withdraw, for that he wanted to ſpeak
" with the ſaid *Hooke:* Upon which this
" Informant withdrew, and left the ſaid
" *Cleland* and *Hooke* together; and ſoon
" afterwards the Door was bolted: But this
" Examinant ſayeth, that the ſaid *Sarah*
" *Appleby* was in the Room the whole Time
" Mr. *Cleland* continued there.

" *The Mark of* MARY ‡ BALLY.

" *Sworn at* Bath *aforeſaid*,
" *the* Day *and Year a-*
" *foreſaid, before me*,

" RALPH ALLEN, *Mayor*."

BATH CITY.

The INFORMATION *of* SARAH BUFFET, *one of the Patients in the* Princeſs-Ward, *in the* New Infirmary *in the ſaid City of* Bath, *taken on Oath the* 21*ſt Day of* Sept. 1743, *as followeth:*

" THIS Informant, on her Oath,
" ſayeth, that about Six or Seven
" Weeks ſince, one *Mary Hooke*, one of

" the Patients in the ſaid *Infirmary*, came " to this Examinant, and told her, that Mr. " *Cleland*, one of the Surgeons in the ſaid " *Infirmary*, had put his Fingers into her, " the ſaid *Hooke*'s Body; and, at the ſame " Time, the ſaid *Hooke* ſhew'd this Exa- " minant her Shift, which was Bloody; " and ſaid to this Examinant, ſee how Mr. " *Cleland* has ſerved me; or to that, or " the like Effect.

" *The Mark of* SARAH ‡ BUFFET.

" *Sworn at* Bath *aforeſaid*,
" *the Day and Year*
" *aforeſaid, before me*,

" RALPH ALLEN, *Mayor*."

AFTER this Mr. *Trevanion*, Doctor *Smart*, and *Mary Hooke*, (the Mother of the aforeſaid *Mary Hooke*) were call'd before the Committee, (the two firſt at Mr. *Cleland*'s Deſire) and made their reſpective Affidavits.

BATH CITY.

The INFORMATION *of* JOHN TREVANION, *of* Cheltenham, *in the County of* Glouceſter, *Gent. taken the* 21*ſt of* September, 1743.

" WHO being examined, on his " Oath, ſayeth, That he has, for " about two Years laſt paſt, known (by " common Report at leaſt) *Mary Hooke*, " now

" now a Patient in the *Hoſpital* in this " City; and has heard, and believes ſhe is " a Perſon of very ill Fame, and not to be " credited.

" JOHN TREVANION.

" *Sworn at the City aforeſaid, the Day and Year above-written, before me,*

" RALPH ALLEN, *Mayor.*"

BATH CITY.

The INFORMATION *of* BAPTIST SMART, *of* Cheltenham, *in the County of* Glouceſter, *Doctor in Phyſick, taken on Oath, this* 21*ſt Day of* September, 1743, *as followeth, that is to ſay:*

" THIS Informant ſayeth, that laſt " *Sunday* Night he receiv'd a Letter, " directed to this Deponent, from the " Counteſs of *Hyndford*, acquainting this " Deponent, that a malicious Proſecution " was ſet on Foot by the Surgeons of the " SAID * *Infirmary*; or by one *Mary*

* It may appear Odd, that the Word, SAID, ſhould be uſed, before it was expreſſed what *Infirmary*. The Reaſon is this, Dr. *Smart* firſt ſaid, *by Mary Hooke*, which was ſet down and the *Infirmary* ſpecified; then he ſaid, *by the Surgeons*; which was interlined, after he had ſaid it was *by Mary Hooke*.

" *Hooke*,

" *Hooke*, now a Patient in the *New Infir-*
" *mary* at BATH; or by ſome other Per-
" ſon, againſt Mr. *Archibald Cleland*, one
" of the Surgeons of the ſaid *Infirmary*;
" and the ſaid Counteſs did therein deſire
" this Examinant to procure an Affidavit,
" or Affidavits, of the Character of the
" ſaid *Mary Hooke*: And this Examinant
" further ſayeth, that, on receiving of ſuch a
" Letter, he did apply to *Mary Hooke*, the
" Mother of the ſaid *Mary Hooke*, the Pa-
" tient, (who then lived at *Cheltenham*)
" and deſired her to go to BATH, to her
" Daughter; and to prevail on her to tell
" the Truth only, in Regard to the ſaid
" Proſecution: And this Examinant pro-
" mis'd the ſaid *Mary Hooke*, the Mother,
" that if ſhe would ſo do, this Examinant
" would pay her Expences to and from
" BATH; and paid her Ten Shillings to-
" wards her Expences; and has heard and
" believes ſhe did come to BATH, at this
" Examinant's Perſuaſion; but ſays, he did
" not apply for any Affidavit, or Affidavits,
" of the Character of the ſaid *Mary Hooke*,
" the Daughter; but ſays, he prevailed on
" one Mr. *Trevanion*, of *Cheltenham*, afore-
" ſaid, to come to BATH with this Depo-
" nant, to give her a Character; the ſaid
" *Trevanion* being well acquainted with
" the Character of the ſaid *Mary Hooke*,
" the Daughter, as this Deponent has heard,
" and believes: And ſays, that the ſaid
" *Mary*

" *Mary Hooke*, the Patient, is a Perſon of
" a bad Character; but cannot ſay that
" ſhe wou'd perjure herſelf.

" BAPTIST SMART.

" *Sworn at* Bath *aforeſaid*,
" *the Day and Year a-*
" *foreſaid, before me*,

" RALPH ALLEN, *Mayor*."

BATH CITY.

The INFORMATION *of* MARY HOOKE, *the Elder, of* Cheltenham, *in the County of* Glouceſter, *taken on Oath this* 21*ſt Day of* September, 1743, *as followeth*:

" THIS Informant ſayeth, that laſt
" *Sunday* Night, *Baptiſt Smart*, of
" *Cheltenham*, in the County of *Glouceſter*,
" Doctor in Phyſick, applied to this Depo-
" nent, at *Cheltenham* aforeſaid; and in-
" formed her that her Daughter had ſworn,
" or was about to ſwear, a Raviſhment
" againſt one Mr. *Archibald Cleland*, of the
" City of BATH, in the County of *So-*
" *merſet*, one of the Surgeons of the *Infir-*
" at BATH; and, at the ſame Time, ſo-
" licited this Deponent to go to BATH,

" and

" and perſwade her Daughter not to ſwear
" againſt the ſaid *Cleland*; and if ſhe would
" go to BATH, and perſwade her Daughter
" not to ſwear againſt *Cleland*, he would
" bear her Expences to and from BATH;
" and directed her to go to ſome Inn in
" BATH, and that the ſaid *Smart* would
" meet her there, with the Gentleman,
" meaning Mr. *Cleland*, as this Deponent
" believes; and the ſaid *Smart* ſaid this
" Deponent ſhould be ſatisfied handſomely;
" and further ſayeth, that Doctor *Smart*,
" at the Time of his applying to this De-
" ponent, gave this Deponent Ten Shillings.

MARY HOOKE.

" *Sworn at* Bath *aforeſaid,*
" *the Day and Year a-*
" *foreſaid, before me,*

RALPH ALLEN, *Mayor.*"

Mr. *Cleland* was then called in again, and deſired to ſatisfy the Committee in the following Points:— Firſt, *Why he examined* Mary Hodſon *and* Mary Hooke, *who were not his Patients, and without acquainting their own Phyſician or Surgeon?*— Secondly, *If upon Examination he found any Diſorder on theſe Women, why he did not communicate the ſame to their Phyſician, or Surgeon?—If he found no Diſorder, why he repeated his Examinations?*

HE

He made Anſwer, *That* Sarah Appleby, *deceas'd, (the Perſon mention'd in* Mary Hooke's *Affidavit) had inform'd him, that it was the Deſire of both* Mary Hudſon *and* Mary Hooke, *that he ſhould examine them in the ſame Manner he had examined her; and that he thought it incumbent on him, and every other Surgeon in the* Hoſpital, *to give Aſſiſtance to any of the Patients, and at any Time, when deſir'd. As to* Mary Hudſon, *he ſaid, he had examined her, on Account of her Fits: That he apprehended the Nature of Fits was hitherto underſtood but very imperfectly: That he was in Hopes, by Examination, to arrive at a more accurate Knowledge of them; and, in Conſequence of that, at a happier Method of treating them: That he was ſatisfied this could not be acquired without frequent Examinations, as well Internal as External, both in the Fits, and out of them; and that he was unwilling to communicate his Scheme to the Phyſicians, Men of ſuperior Learning, 'till he ſhould have made ſome farther Advances in it.—As to* Mary Hooke, *he ſaid, he had examined her from a Suſpicion he had ſhe was with Child; and with a View to prevent the* Hoſpital *being impos'd upon; but he acknowledged he had been to blame, in not communicating his Proceedings to the Phyſicians and Surgeons, under whoſe Care the Patients were.*

After this, Mr. *Cleland* was voted guilty of a *Miſbehaviour*, by the unanimous Conſent of all preſent.

AND then the Queſtion being put, *Whether he ſhould be* DISMISS'D *the Service of the* Hoſpital, *or only* REPRIMANDED?—It was carried for the Former, *Thirteen* againſt *Four*.

For DISMISSION,	*For a REPRIMAND,*
Mr. ALLEN,	Dr. STEVENSON,
Mr. PURLEWENT,	Mr. JOHN STAGG,
Mr. GRIST,	Mr. WALT. CHAPMAN,
Mr. JOHN CHAPMAN,	Mr. SAMUEL BUSH.
Mr. JAMES LEAKE,	
Mr. PHILIP ALLEN,	
Mr. HOARE,	
Mr. BERTRAND,	
Mr. MORRIS,	
Dr. BREWSTER,	
Dr. HARTLEY,	
Dr. HARRINGTON,	
Dr. OLIVER.	

IT appearing to thoſe *Thirteen*, That the Affidavits of *Mary Hudſon* and *Mary Hooke*, (the two Female Patients) contained nothing but the TRUTH: That Mr. *Cleland* had given no *Satisfactory Reaſons* for the Examinations therein ſpecified, even tho' theſe Patients had been under his own Care: And that the Charge of *indecent Practices*, in reſpect of the Two aforeſaid Patients, had been fully made out againſt him, ſo as to render him UNFIT to be continued in the *Service* of the *Hoſpital*.

A SHORT VINDICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNORS, &c.

MR. CLELAND'S *Appeal to the Publick* has made the Publick expect that the Gentlemen, whoſe *Conduct* is arraigned in that Book, ſhould publiſh their *own Vindication*. In Compliance therefore with this Demand of the Publick, they make this moſt *Solemn Appeal* to *Truth*, which they deſign indeed moſt inviolably to adhere to, throughout their *Anſwer*; but are almoſt aſhamed to promiſe they will do ſo, becauſe they ſee in the Introduction to moſt of the Writings of its greateſt Enemies the ſtrongeſt Profeſſions of Veneration, and inviolable Attachment to that moſt Sacred Name: Even the *Author* of the *Appeal* tells you in his *Preface, That he ſtrictly adheres to the Rules of Veracity*; and yet this Aſſertion ſtands with his *Title Page* on the one Hand, and his *Book* on the other; in both of which we ſhall make it plain, that there

never were more *falſe Inſinuations*, *falſe Facts*, and *artful Miſrepreſentations*, of *Perſons* and *Things*, contained in ſo ſmall a Volume.

In the Title Page he inſinuates, that the Proceedings he is about to queſtion, were carried on by a Party of the *Governors*, at an *extraordinary Meeting*:—Muſt not every Reader conclude from theſe Words, that theſe Proceedings were carried on by a *ſmall Party* of the *Governors*, packed together for that Purpoſe; and that the *extraordinary Meeting* was not ſuch as the *Act of Parliament* had directed in ſuch Caſes?—Yet every Body knows, that theſe *Proceedings* were carried on in a *General Court* of the *Governors*, to which every Member of that Corporation was duly ſummon'd, by Publick Notice thereof having been fix'd up in the *Pump-Room*, as many Days before the Meeting of the General Court, as the Act of Parliament requires; and Letters were likewiſe ſent by the Regiſter to the Governors, informing them of the Day on which this General Court was to meet, according to the common Uſage of the *Hoſpital*.

From this *unfair Title Page*, let us come to his *more artful Preface*; in which Mr. *Cleland* ſets out with a tender Senſibility of the Value of every *Honeſt Man's Reputation and Character, to Himſelf, his Family, and his Friends*; and having by pathetic Expreſſions melted his Reader into a compaſſionate Diſpoſition, he at once preſents himſelf *as an unhappy Object, labouring under the unjuſt Oppreſſion of Envy and Malice, which had now put*

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in Execution an artful Scheme, long ſince contriv'd, to blemiſh him in his Character, and ruin him in his Profeſſion.

UNPREJUDICED Minds are always inclin'd to ſhew Favour to the *Injur'd* and *Diſtreſs'd*.——By this *artful ſetting out*, Mr. *Cleland* induces every Reader to form Ideas of *a poor, innocent, ſuffering Perſon*, perſecuted by a *vile, envious Party of People*: Which Ideas, accompanying him through the Remainder of the Book, give the *Colour* of *Truth* and *ſuffering Innocence*, to all Circumſtances relating to Mr. *Cleland*; and of *Falſhood, Cruelty*, and *Injuſtice* to every Step taken by the Committee, in their Endeavours towards the Diſcovery of *Truth*, and of their Treatment of Mr. *Cleland*, in Conſequence of their Enquiry.——It is this Prejudice alone that can have procur'd any Favour to Mr. *Cleland*'s Treatiſe; the Removing of which will enable every Reader to judge more impartially of his Caſe.

THAT *Envy* and *Malice* were the Motives by which alone the Governors were *actuated*, he endeavours to prove in the firſt Pages of his Book:—A Miſunderſtanding between him and Mr. *Pierce* he lays down as the Foundation of this *Envy* and *Malice* towards him:——In Proof of this, he quotes an Order, by which it was reſolved, "That no "Perſon ſhould be admitted a Surgeon to the ſaid "*Hoſpital*, but ſuch only as had ſerved ſeven Years "Apprenticeſhip, to a Perſon of Reputation in his "Profeſſion."

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When Mr. *Pierce* made the Motion at firſt, for ſuch an Order, and that it was looked upon, by the Committee, as only intended to guard the *Hoſpital* againſt Perſons unduly qualified for the Office of a Surgeon, it was complyed with, and entered in their Books. But as ſoon as it appeared to the Governors, that that Order wou'd affect Mr. *Cleland* and Mr. *Wright*; whoſe Vouchers of their regular Education, tho' they had not ſerved ſeven Years Apprenticeſhip, were produced: Several of the Governors of the Faculty of Phyſic, as well as others, did ſet forth the Unreaſonableneſs of ſuch an Order, and moved for its being ſuperſeded, by the following Order: *Reſolved*, "That any Surgeon who has "been Regularly Bred, and Qualified in the Opi-"nion of a General Court, may be elected Surgeon "to this *Hoſpital*, tho' he ſhall not have ſerved Seven "Years."——The firſt Order was accordingly ſuperſeded, and Mr. *Cleland*, and Mr. *Wright* were admitted Surgeons to the *Hoſpital*.

Mr. *Pierce* does declare, That he had no other Intention by this Rule, which he propoſed, but thereby to have excluded ſuch Perſons as were ignorant of their Profeſſion, and therefore not capable of doing Juſtice to the Poor Perſons committed to their Care; and that he ſhould have been ſorry, if by that Rule, (had it ſtill ſubſiſted) the *Hoſpital* might have been depriv'd of the Aſſiſtance of any Honeſt and Skilful Surgeon.

But notwithſtanding the Candour and Impartiality which the Governors ſhewed on this Occaſion,

ſion, Mr. *Cleland* ſuppoſes them to have entered ſo warmly into the Diſpute between him and Mr. *Pierce*, that they had diveſted themſelves of all *Honour*, *Honeſty*, and *Humanity*; and had, for Mr. *Pierce*'s Sake, perſecuted Mr. *Cleland* with all the *Bitterneſs* which *Malice* and *Envy* could ſuggeſt.

THE Reader is now deſired to conſider the *private Characters* of the Thirteen Gentlemen who voted for Mr. *Cleland*'s *Diſmiſſion*.—They modeſtly hope, that, upon the ſevereſt Scrutiny, they will appear upon the Level with the Reſt of Mankind, who enjoy a *fair Reputation*.—Can they then be ſuppoſed to have *combined together*, to treat a Perſon *unjuſtly* and *cruelly*, againſt whom they had no perſonal Pique; and whoſe *Diſgrace* could in no Shape promote the *Intereſt* of any one ſingle Member of the Committee?

BUT if they will next conſider the ſeveral *Inſinuations*, by which Mr. *Cleland* endeavours to make his Readers believe thoſe Gentlemen to be ſuch *vile Men* as he would repreſent them to be, we believe it will appear, that he has made no Scruple of aſſerting the *greateſt Falſhoods*, in Order to obtain that *End*, his *grand Point* indeed! For if he could *not* firſt induce People to believe, that the Thirteen Committee's were *very bad Men*, it would have been in vain for him *afterwards* to have endeavoured to clear himſelf from the *Miſbehaviour* laid to *his Charge*: He therefore (Page 6) *inſinuates*,

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That (as he was afterwards inform'd **) in order to contrive a malicious Proſecution againſt him, ſome of the Phyſicians and Surgeons, together with Mr.* Morris *the Houſe-Apothecary, had, during this Interval, ſeveral private Meetings in the Matron's Room; where it is apprehended the whole Scheme was concerted.*— The Intent and Uſe of theſe Meetings is left to the Judgment of every candid Reader,——only Mr. *Cleland* and his Friends beg leave to hint to Him their own Suſpicions, *That the Intention of their Meetings was either to pervert what Mr.* Cleland *had told them,* (viz. *Dr.* Oliver, *Dr.* Rayner, *Mr.* Wright, *and Mr.* Palmer) *as above; or by inſtructing the Women, or extorting from them ſuch Things as they did not expect they ſhould be obliged to ſwear to.*— This is a very harſh Charge againſt theſe four Gentlemen in particular, as well againſt all the Phyſicians and Surgeons in the *Hoſpital* in general, of a *Secret Conſpiracy*; and a *Subornation of Perjury* againſt Mr. *Cleland:* To which all the Gentlemen of the Faculty belonging to the *Hoſpital*, give this plain *Anſwer*, viz. *They do moſt ſolemnly declare, that They never were, They, or any of Them, at any Meeting of any Kind whatſoever, relating to Mr.* Cleland's *Affair in the ſaid Matron's Room, or in any other Place, from the Time of Mr.* Cleland's *firſt Examination of the young Women, to the Day of his Diſmiſſion. And the Matron is ready to make Oath, that during the ſaid Interval, there*

* Mr. *Cleland* cannot take Shelter under the Words, he was *informed*, he had *heard*, or he *believed*; becauſe the *Facts* introduced by ſuch *Expreſſions*, are always deſigned to be underſtood, by the Reader, as undoubted Truths.

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never were two Governors of the Hoſpital, *in her Room together, on any Account whatſoever.*

COULD any ingenuous Perſon believe, that there was a Man ſo void of all Senſe of *Shame*, as to repreſent Gentlemen as guilty of *Conſpiracies*, *Combinations*, *Secret Meetings*, *Forming of Schemes* to do him Harm, without the leaſt Foundation even of one ſingle Circumſtance of *Truth*, in the whole Hiſtory?——But Mr. *Cleland* has Talents equal to ſuch a Conduct, which enable him to go thro' the Remainder of his *Performance*, with the ſame *happy Intrepidity*.

HIS next Attempt is to ſhew the *Partiality* of the *Proceedings* of the *Mayor*.—We think we need not offend Mr. *Allen*'s Modeſty, by ſaying any Thing more of his HUMANITY and INTEGRITY, than what is already well known to the Publick.—This Gentleman he repreſents diveſting himſelf of all his former Principles and Habits of VIRTUE, acting in the *baſeſt* and moſt *partial* Manner, taking the Oaths of all Perſons who would ſwear any Thing againſt Mr. *Cleland*, without thoroughly weighing whether the Deponents really meant what was contained in their Affidavits; while he refuſed, in an *unjuſt* and *arbitary* Manner, the Oaths of ſuch as were willing to ſwear any Thing in Favour of Mr. *Cleland*, to the great *Diſcredit* of the *Magiſtrate*, the *Breach* of his *Duty*, and the *Shame* of the *Man*.——The Frailty of Human Virtue is too often overcome by *great Temptations*; but ſurely Perſons who have long taſted the Pleaſures of Vir-

tuous Habits, have never given them up, *without any Temptation at all.*——This muſt have been Mr. *Allen*'s Caſe, if he can be ſuppoſed to have acted in this Affair, ſo contrary to his uſual Manner of acting in all others: As if for the Sake of hurting a Man, againſt whom he had never the leaſt Prejudice, he could give up his *Character* and his *Conſcience.*

We beg leave here to apprize the Reader, that a General Court, or a Committee of the Governors, *is not a Court of Law, and therefore they are not tied down by legal Forms, and ſcrupulous Niceties*, as to the Manner of their Proceedings in their Enquiry into the Conduct of any of their Members, but are only to hear all Sides fairly; and then to judge, not of the Circumſtances of Proof, but of the Proof itſelf, and ſo to determine according to *Equity* and *good Conſcience.*——Every Body knows, that in Law, many Perſons are acquitted, whom the Breaſts of every Hearer of the Trial ſecretly condemn.

Mr. *Walter Chapman* then aſked, *If any Complaint had been made to any of the Houſe-Viſitors, and by them entered and reported?*——To this the Mayor made the following Anſwer, *That this was of no Uſe to the preſent Caſe; for the Complaint alledged was ſworn to; and that this Motion tended only to ſtifle the whole Enquiry: That indeed one Way of Information to the Committee was, by the Houſe-Viſitors; but that this did not preclude them from*

from receiving Informations, in any other Manner which ſhou'd be offer'd to them: And if he, (Mr. Chapman) *cou'd ſay nothing more to the Purpoſe, he had better ſay Nothing*; and at the ſame Time acquainted Mr. *Cleland, That the Governors being then met, on Purpoſe to make a thorough Examination into the Charge laid againſt him, he might in their Proceedings, depend upon all the Candour which was conſiſtent with the ſtricteſt Diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in them: That for his own Part, he heartily wiſh'd to find him unjuſtly accuſed, that he might have the Pleaſure to join in publiſhing of his Innocence; and in this Particular, made no doubt, but that he likewiſe expreſſed the Sentiments of the other Governors: But if upon this Examination he ſhou'd have the Misfortune to find him Blameable, he muſt expect his Concurrence in ſuch a Cenſure, as an Honeſt Diſcharge of his Duty required from him:* And added, *that he preſumed Mr.* Cleland *himſelf wou'd not inſiſt on this Plea.*— However, when this Queſtion was put to him, Mr. *Cleland* anſwered by another Queſtion, *viz. Gentlemen, Let me aſk you, Won't you abide by your own Orders?*——To which Mr. *Allen* replied, *That they ſhou'd, at any Time, break thro' thoſe Orders, (if this cou'd be deemed breaking thro' them) to come to the Truth of an Accuſation, which reflected ſo much on the Honour of the* Hoſpital; *and were determined to do it in the preſent Caſe.*———This cauſed Doctor *Hartley*, and ſome of the other Governors, to take Notice, *That this Motion appeared to them, to be made with a bad Deſign; and if Mr.* Cleland *wou'd not proceed in his Defence, they muſt*

admit his Refuſal to be a tacit Acknowledgment of the Charge, &c.

UNDER the Shelter of a Remark, on Dr. *Hartley*'s ſaying, *That this Motion ſeemed to be made with a Deſign to hinder a fair Examination of Facts*; a ſtrong Aſſertion comes in, *That the Women* Themſelves *never made any Complaint.*——How cautious is this Writer of not miſinforming his Reader!—— What he means by it is, That they never made any *regular Complaint* to the Houſe-Viſitors, or to the Committee; and indeed, they never had any Intention of making any ſuch Complaint againſt Mr. *Cleland*; but they had complained to the Nurſes and Patients of the Wards, not as *Informants* to proſecute, but as poor Creatures who had been *injured*, but were *afraid* * to make a higher Appeal for *Juſtice*. Theſe were the Complaints of which Dr. *Oliver* firſt informed Mr. *Cleland*, in a moſt Friendly Manner; theſe were the Complaints which produced the *Enquiry*, and without which, Mr. *Cleland* would now have been one of the Surgeons to the *Hoſpital*.

THE firſt Objection to Mr. *Allen*'s Conduct is, that he took the Affidavits of *Mary Hook* and *Mary Hudſon*, without giving Mr. *Cleland* Notice of any Charge having been brought againſt him, that he might have had an Opportunity to make his Defence. *Would he have had Notice of ſuch a* Charge *before*

* As *Mary Hooke* expreſſed herſelf to Mr. *Cleland*, p. 31 of the *Appeal*.

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he was accuſed?—The only Intention of the Mayor, in taking theſe Affidavits was, that the Committee might have the greater Certainty of what was laid to Mr. *Cleland*'s Charge; that the Women might be tied down by theſe Affidavits to ſpeak the *Truth*, when they ſhould afterwards be confronted with Mr. *Cleland*; and that a Suſpenſion of Mr. *Cleland*'s Attendance at the *Hoſpital* might be founded upon them; by which any Tampering with the Witneſſes might be prevented.

It is confeſſed, that when Mr. *Pierce* did, with great Candour, make a Motion to the Committee, *That* Copies *of the Affidavits might be ſent to Mr.* Cleland, his Motion was thought to be of no Conſequence, 'till Mr. *Cleland* ſhould deſire Copies of them; and it was ordered, that no ſuch Copies ſhould be granted, upon that Motion. But as ſoon as the Regiſter did ſignify to the Governors, at the next Meeting, that Mr. *Cleland* had applied to him for Copies of the Affidavits, he was ordered, by the Governors then preſent, to deliver Copies of them immediately; and Mr. *Cleland* did receive them ſeveral Days before the General Court, as he owns.

But tho' this Part of the Proceedings was not only *juſt*, but *favourable* to Mr. *Cleland*, it produces ſuch an *Outcry* at *the End* of the *Paragraph*, of its being contrary to *Cuſtom*, *Law*, *Equity*, and *Natural Juſtice*, as he hopes will aſtoniſh and confound the Reader.

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THE next Thing he complain'd of was, that he was *refuſed Admittance into the Ward, where the two young Women,* Hooke *and* Hudſon *were*:— This is acknowledged to be True; and we believe that it could not be thought an improper Caution, that Perſons of that Ward ſhould be guarded againſt any Temptation to vary from the Truth.

THE next great Hardſhip he mentions is, *That Old* Mary Hook, *(Mother of* Mary Hook, *the Informant) whom Dr.* Smart *had been at the Charge and Trouble of ſending to* BATH, * *in order to ſerve Mr.* Cleland, *was prevented by the Servants of the* Hoſpital, *from ſeeing or ſpeaking with the Servants of Dr.* Smart, *and Mr.* Trevanion.—— That this Woman had been ſent hither by theſe Gentlemen, or to what Purpoſe, was unknown to any of the Governors, except Mr. *Morris*; and we can't but think, that when he had been inform'd by this Woman, that ſhe was ſent hither by theſe Gentlemen, and order'd to wait for them at the Carrier's Inn, (the Name of which ſhe had forgot, and ſo could not go thither according to her Appointment) and that ſhe was to ſee *Somebody* there, who would *handſomely Reward her for her Pains*; Mr. *Morris* deſerves the Thanks of the Governors, for his *Prudence* and *Caution*, in preventing any Body coming from theſe Gentlemen to ſpeak to her; for as to herſelf, ſhe did not complain of being detain'd; but ſaid on the Contrary, † *the Door was open,*

* *Vide* Doctor *Smart*'s Affidavit.

† Mr. *Cleland*'s *Appeal*, p. 16.

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and she might have gone out, if she would. The Answer given by the Porter, *that she should not speak to any Body, 'till the Committee broke up*, was during the Time the General Court was sitting, and examining Mr. *Cleland*; when Dr. *Smart* and Mr. *Trevanion* sent the Porter for her to come to them into the Surgery, that they might speak to her, before she gave her Evidence.

Now comes the heaviest Charge of *Partiality* in the Mayor; and a heavy one it is indeed, if he really refused to take the Oaths of two Women, who would have sworn to the Truth of one of the Points on which Mr. *Cleland* lays his greatest Stress in his *Defence!*—But the Fact was thus: *Anne Hughes* and *Elizabeth Dowdy* were call'd in to be examin'd as to what they knew of *Hooke* and *Hudson*'s *desiring* Mr. *Cleland* to examine them: *Hughes*, who was Paralytic, was under so much Concern, that she could make no articulate Answer, to any Questions that were asked her; and *Dowdy* said, *That Mr.* Cleland *had told her, that* Sarah Appleby *deceas'd had said*———upon which the Mayor observed, That these *Hearsays*, if sworn to, could be of no possible *Service* to Mr. *Cleland*, when they were confronted by *positive Oaths* of *living Witnesses*: And that therefore he thought it unnecessary to take their Affidavits.—This was what directed his own Conscience in this Affair; and he believes will appear reasonable to all *impartial Judges*.

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IT ought to be obſerved, that the Certificate of *Elizabeth Dowdy*, and *Anne Hughes*, was in theſe Words:

" THIS is to Certify, That *Elizabeth Dowdy*, " and *Anne Hughes*, Two of the Patients in " the *Hoſpital*, were called in before the Committee " the Twenty-firſt of *September*, 1743, and were " examined, as to the Affair of Mr. *Cleland*'s be- " ing ſent for by *Mary Hooke*, and *Mary Hudſon*, " to examine them; and they were ready to give " their Oaths to the Truth of This, but were re- " fuſed by the Mayor.

" As Witneſs our Hands,

" *The Mark of* Eliz. Dowdy ‡.
" *The Mark of* Anne Hughes ‡.

WHAT they Certify is, That they were examined, as to the Affair of Mr. *Cleland*, before the Committee; about which they were ready to take their Oaths, but were refuſed by the Mayor: Not that they had *offer'd to ſwear* that Mr. *Cleland* had been *ſent for* by *Hooke* and *Hudſon*, as an *artful Wording* of the Certificate would induce an unwary Reader to imagine: For the moſt they are repreſented to have been able to ſwear, is only, " That " they had heard *Sarah Appleby*, deceas'd, ſeveral " Times ſay, (long before Mr. *Cleland* had ex- " amined either of theſe Women) that *Mary* " *Hooke* and *Mary Hudſon*, had *teazed* her to

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"bring Mr. *Cleland* a Fortnight before he ſpoke to "them about it. *—Theſe Words can by no Means import, that *Hudſon* and *Hooke* had even actually *ſent for* Mr. *Cleland*; and therefore, the Words, *Truth of this*, in their Certificate, cannot poſſibly refer to any Thing, but that they had been examined before the Committee, and had not had their *Affidavits taken*.——But the Intent of the Writer of the *Appeal*, to deceive his Reader, by miſplacing the Words in a Sentence, or conveying Ideas different from what the Words *ought to convey*, will appear in many Places throughout the whole Book.

But if theſe two Women cou'd ſwear to *any Thing* that cou'd be *ſerviceable* to Mr. *Cleland*; why did they not ſwear, inſtead of *ſigning this uſeleſs Atteſtation*, the Reaſon given for their *not ſwearing*, (viz.) *The Mayor's being out of Town* is abſurd; for there were Two Juſtices of the Town before whom they *might have ſworn*. Beſides, they were *not to leave the City* ſo ſoon as he repreſents: *Dowdy*, tho' ſhe was diſcharg'd the *Hoſpital* on the 19th, did not leave the City 'till *after* the 30th; and *Hughes* did not receive her Diſcharge 'till the 28th, four Days after the Signing the *Atteſtation*.

When Mr. *Cleland* has thrown all the *Dirt* he can on the Mayor, he gives a Copy of his *Narrative*; which being finiſhed, he ſays, *p.* 24, *He aſked the Committee, Whether they were now ſatisfied of the Injuſtice of the Reflections thrown on him by* Mary

* Mr. *Cleland*'s *Appeal*, p. 13.

Hooke's *Evidence, in what related to* Sarah Appleby's *Caſe?* But this they *dropp'd*:——By which Expreſſions we ſuppoſe it is inſinuated, that they were unwilling to declare any Thing in Favour of Mr. *Cleland*.——Let us now examine the State of that Caſe a little more narrowly, and we ſhall ſee whether Mr. *Cleland* had not more Reaſon to have *dropp'd* it, than the Committee had to be *ſatisfied*, that what *Mary Hooke* had delivered upon Oath, was falſe.

Doctor *Oliver*, he ſays, ſeemed to inſinuate, *That the chief Thing to be laid to Mr.* Cleland's *Charge, was the Death of* Sarah Appleby; *and that of examining the other two Patients, was but a Prologue to this Deſign.*——Here Doctor *Oliver* is ſuppoſed to have diſcovered what was talked of at the *private Meetings*, in the *Matron's Room*, (of which Mr. *Cleland* had made him a Member) and where the Affidavits *had been framed*.——This very *foul Aſperſion* the Doctor hopes is entirely wip'd off, by the *Solemn Declaration* he has made, That he never *knew* of any ſuch Meetings in the Matron's Room, or in *any* Place whatſoever, where any *Deſigns* were laid, or *Schemes* concerted, to the *Prejudice* of Mr. *Cleland*: And he now further aſſerts, that he never *knew* the *Particulars* of *Mary Hooke*'s Confeſſion, or was *informed*, by Papers or otherwiſe, of what *Mary Hooke* intended to ſwear, 'till ſhe came before the Committee.

But to make the Doctor's *evil Deſigns* againſt Mr. *Cleland* the Plainer, he ſays, *p.* 25, *And that it may appear ſtill the Worſe, Doctor* Oliver *obſerv-*

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ed to ſeveral Gentlemen afterwards, That he did not underſtand what Mr. *Cleland* meant, by ſuch frequent Injections and Examinations of *Sarah Appleby*'s Uterus; for when ſhe was open'd, the Uterus appear'd to him in a Virgin State.

ALL that Dr. *Oliver* had known of *Appleby*'s Caſe, before her Death, was only in general, that ſhe had frequent Fits; that Mr. *Cleland* injected her often, ſuppoſing her Diſeaſe to be in the Uterus.—When her Body was to be opened, Dr. *Oliver* was ſummoned, with the Reſt of the Phyſicians and Surgeons of the *Hoſpital*, to be preſent. The Uterus was, with ſome Difficulty found, and produced by Mr. *Cleland*: It was ſmall, compact, and well-looking on the Outſide; and the Os Tincæ ſo cloſely ſhut, that Mr. *Cleland* had ſome Trouble in introducing his Probe, into the Womb: Upon cutting it open, the Cavity was not large enough to contain a Walnut; and its internal Surface as clean and ſound, as it cou'd be in any Virgin. Upon this Appearance, it was the Opinion of the Gentlemen who examined it, That the Womb cou'd not have been the Seat of this Woman's Diſeaſe: That the Placenta, or any Portion of it, had not remained in the Uterus for ſo many Months, as Mr. *Cleland* ſuppoſed it to have done: * That the Subſtances which he brought away cou'd not be Parts of a Placenta: That if Matter was diſcharged from the Vagina, it could

* *Appleby* was near eleven Months in the *Hoſpital*, and was for ſome Time before that under Mr. *Cleland*'s Care, ſince ſhe was ſuppoſed to have miſcarried.

not have proceeded from the Womb; and that no Injections could have entered the Os Tincæ.

Upon enquiring ſince of Mr. *Gye*, our Apothecary's Journeyman, the Matron, the Nurſes, and ſome of the Patients, they affirm, That the ſaid *Sarah Appleby* did always complain of *great Pain*, after Mr. *Cleland* had performed his *Operations*: That finding her ſtill grow worſe, they adviſed her againſt letting Mr. *Cleland* do her ſo much *Miſchief*, as they apprehended from her *Complaints* he did her: That ſhe at laſt believed that ſhe was the *worſe*, for his *Operations*; and deſired that he ſhould come near her *no more*.—This is a *faithful Hiſtory* of this Woman's Caſe, according to the Relation of theſe Perſons, who are ready to atteſt the Truth of all the Particulars contained in it; we deſire therefore that it may be *compared* with the ſecond Page of Mr. *Cleland*'s *Narrative*.

When Doctor *Oliver* had ſeen the Uterus, which was ſuppoſed to have been the Seat of this Woman's Complaint, and not ſuſpecting that her Caſe would ever have been enquired about afterwards, (tired of the Manner of Diſſecting) he went away. The Surgeons who ſtayed reported, That they found One of the Ovaria tumefied; that it had apoſtemated, and diſcharged a Quantity of its Contents into the Abdomen: Which guſhing forth upon the laying open that Cavity, Mr. *Cleland* cried out, *That ſhe died of a Dropſy at laſt*; or Words to that Effect.——Such a Diſeaſe as this appeared to be, will account for all *Appleby*'s Fits, and

and clear Mr. *Cleland* from having been the Cauſe of her Death; what ever Opinion ſhe might have conceived herſelf, from the Pains ſhe felt from his Operations. All the Circumſtances of this Caſe are conſiſtent with this Woman's having had a *Child*, a *Miſcarriage*, and the *Venereal Diſeaſe*; but not ſo with any Portion of the Placenta's remaining in the Uterus, for many Months: This Mr. *Cleland* muſt have known, if he had but touched the Os Tincæ, in the Manner he ſhould have done; and which it is plain he never did do in all his Examinations, or he could not ſo long have been *impoſed* upon, and ſo poſitively have aſſerted, that, upon repeated Tryals, he was aſſured, that the Seat of her Diſeaſe was in the Uterus.———This Notion of a Portion of the Placenta being left in the Uterus, dwelt ſo ſtrongly upon Mr. *Cleland*'s Mind, that he could not but ſuppoſe that *Hooke* and *Hudſon* labour'd under the ſame Misfortune; and he was reſolved to be certain about it: But we believe, that the One's complaining of a Difficulty of making Water, owing, as ſhe affirmed before the Committee, to the ſecond Examination, when he brought down Blood, as ſhe expreſſed it; or the Other's labouring under Hyſteric Fits, with Convulſive Motions of the Diaphragm, will not be allow'd, by ſkilful Surgeons, to be a ſufficient Reaſon for ſuch an Examination.

HOWEVER, Mr. *Cleland* gives other Reaſons for performing this *charitable Office* to theſe two afflicted Women: He ſays, *That from the firſt Time I had examined* Mary Hooke *by the Doctor's Direction*:——But we muſt ſtop here to obſerve, that from

from theſe Words moſt People believe, that Doctor *Rayner* had particularly directed Mr. *Cleland* to examine *Mary Hooke*; taking the Word *examine*, to mean the ſame Thing *there*, as it does when it is afterwards uſed to ſignify Mr. *Cleland's thruſting his Fingers into the Woman's Body.*—But by the Words *I examined*, and by the *Doctor's Direction*, was meant, in Fact, no more than this: The Phyſicians and Surgeons going round the Houſe together, as they do Twice a Week, in order to give their Joint Advice in difficult Caſes: As they were paſſing by *Mary Hooke*, Doctor *Rayner* obſerved, that her Belly was larger than it ſhou'd be; and therefore he ſaid to all of the Faculty preſent, *Pray, Gentlemen, obſerve this Girls Belly; don't you think it is bigger than it ſhould be?*—Upon which Mr. *Cleland*, and ſome Others, put their Hands upon the ſaid *Hooke's* Belly, on the Outſide of her Cloaths; which was the Whole Mr. *Cleland* means by theſe Words in this Place, which have ſo groſly *miſled* his Readers.

Doctor *Rayner*, upon Reading this Paſſage, ſent for Mr. *Cleland*, and told him, *That it was a Miſrepreſentation; and that he expected he ſhould alter the Word* I, *for* We, *in all his Copies*; which he promiſed to do.——But every Body will ſee, that this *Sentence* ſtill wanted this *farther Explanation*, that the *True-Senſe* of it might be made obvious.

But to return again to the *Narrative*, p. 21: *From the firſt Time* (ſays Mr. Cleland) *I had examined* Mary Hooke, *I conceived a Notion of her being with*

with Child; and my being ſent for in the Manner related, gave me an Opportunity *of being fully ſatisfied in that Point, for the following Reaſons.*——Here I believe is ſome Miſtake of the Tranſcriber, for his Jealouſy for the Honour of the Houſe, and the Credit of the Phyſician and Surgeon (who was likewiſe a Man-Midwife) to whom this Patient belonged, and whom he ſuppoſes not likely to diſcover her Pregnancy, without his Aſſiſtance, could by no Means give him an *Opportunity* to ſatisfy himſelf on that Point.

But had Mr. *Cleland* ſuſpected that this Woman was with Child, from his firſt looking on her, and putting his Hand upon her Apron; was it quite conſiſtent with his *Duty* to have *conceal'd* this his *Opinion* from her Phyſician, during the whole Interval, between the firſt Viewing her, and his ſubſequent Examination, when he knew that ſhe was daily taking ſuch Medicines, as were proper for her Leprous Complaints; but were likely to prove deſtructive to any Woman in the Condition he expected *Hooke* to be in?——He therefore had *not* this Reaſon for his Examination; or his Silence was *not* juſtifiable: But he had ſufficient Reaſons to believe ſhe was *not with Child*:—She had her *Menſes* during this Interval;—Did he not *know this?*—Could he ſupect a Woman to be with Child, and not enquire into ſuch a Circumſtance?——We believe he will not chuſe to own himſelf quite ſo negligent.

Again, cou'd he believe that a Woman who knew herſelf to be with Child, and had a Mind to

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impoſe upon the Houſe, would have deſired that a *Man-Midwife* ſhould examine her?——Muſt not ſuch an *Examination* have been attended with immediate *Diſcovery* of the *Fraud*, and *Expulſion*?—— But the Reaſons for Examination muſt be *Pregnancy* in one Place; *Dropſy* in another; a very doubtful Notion of a *Bearing-down* in another; or the *Remains* of the *Placenta*,——as it beſt ſuited the *Paragraph*; and without any Want of Charity, it may fairly be ſuppoſed, that *none* of them were the *true Reaſon*, or *Motive* to ſuch an Examination.

IT is likewiſe to be obſerved, that tho' the Notion of the Placenta was ſo ſtrong in Mr. *Cleland*'s Head, he never had any Reaſon to believe that *Mary Hooke* had ever had a Child. The Gentlemen who appeared to her Diſgrace, having never hinted any ſuch Thing; and it is probable, that if it had ever been ſuſpected that ſhe had had a Child, or ſo much as a Miſcarriage, they would not have concealed it out of Tenderneſs to her Character.

Mr. *Cleland*, in his *Narrative*, tells us, *p.* 23, *That his Intention in the Examinations of* Mary Hudſon, *when ſhe was in Fits, was to diſcover if the Uterus was the Seat and Cauſe of this, and her other Complaints, as it is in many Hyſterick Caſes*—— Here was a laudable Deſign of *improving his Knowledge!*——But he was very unfortunate in the Choice of the *Subject* for his *Experiments*: For he ſays, *Page* 33, *That he then acquainted the Committee, that he had then ſeveral Perſons ready to be called in, to prove that* Mary Hudſon *was a Cheat, an Im-*

poſtor, and a Liar, and that her Fits were counterfeited; as he told the Committee he believed them to be.—Upon which the Queſtion was put to her Phyſician, Whether he believed that *Mary Hudſon*'s Fits were *real*, or *not?* And he affirmed, That to the Beſt of his Judgment, they were *real.*——Could Mr. *Cleland* believe that her Fits were *counterfeited*, and yet perſiſt in examining the Motions of her Womb, that he might improve his Knowledge in the Seat and Cauſe of *true* Hyſteric Fits?—Such an Abſurdity added to the many others, in Relation to *Hooke*, convinc'd the Governors, that any further Diſcuſſion of *Hudſon*'s Affair was unneceſſary; though, as Mr. *Cleland* deſir'd it, Mr. *Buſby*'s Letter was read to the Board, which confirmed them in the Opinion, that it would only be looſing Time to call any other Witneſſes to her Character, who, as Mr. *Cleland* ſaid, were ready to prove *her* to be a *Cheat*, and an *Impoſtor*, whom Mr. *Buſby* had in his Letter declared to be ſo naturally weak of *Underſtanding*, that he apprehended her Head had been afflicted by a Fever.——Could any ſuch contradictory Accounts of the ſame Perſon, have had any Weight to invalidate an Oath taken by her, at a Time when ſhe appeared to the Committee, neither a *Fool* or *Cheat*; the Subſtance of which Affidavit was owned by Mr. *Cleland* to be *True?*—*Ap.* p. 22.

UPON Examination it is found, that Mr. *Cleland* had no Reaſons for aſperſing *Mary Hudſon*'s Character: For Mrs. *Maggs* being aſk'd about her Character, affirms, *That all the Time ſhe employ'd her, ſhe had no Reaſon to ſuſpect any Ill of her:*

And Mrs. *Weaver* knows nothing of her being a *Cheat*, or an *Idiot*, or of her *being with Child*; or having *miſcarried*; but conjectured it from the Largeneſs of her Belly, and her great Pains; both which Symptoms ſhe brought into the Houſe with her, and ſtill labours under, in ſome Degree.*

BUT Mr. *Cleland*, Page 33, argued, "That "*Mary Hudſon*'s Information could be of no Va- "lidity; becauſe the Terms in which it was couch- "ed, could not be mitigated from the Imputation "of *Perjury*; and afterwards aſſerts, That in this "Caſe ſhe ſwears *poſitively* that Mr. *Cleland* DID "ſo; and immediately adds, She was at the ſame "Time *inſenſible of what he did:* Then gives Evi- "dence of her *own Falſhood*, by ſubjoining, *ſhe* "*was told ſo, and believes it.*"——Who would not believe, that this was a *fair Repreſentation* of *Hudſon*'s Affidavit; and who that reads it over will not be convinc'd, that it is, in Fact, no more than a *wilful Miſunderſtanding of the Words*; which might indeed have been placed in a *clearer Order*.—This will plainly appear, if we reduce them to that Order in which they *ought to have been placed*, and which will make the Senſe *more plain*, without varying one Tittle from the *true Senſe* and *Meaning* of the Words, as they *now* ſtand, *viz.*

Vide Mr. Buſby's *Letter, in the* Appeal.

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" WHO being Examined upon her * Oath, ſaith, " [*to this Effect*] That about three Weeks ago, " (as this Informant beſt remembreth) *Archibald Cle-* " *land*, One of the Surgeons belonging to the ſaid " *Hoſpital*, came ſeveral Times to this Informant, " and aſked her her Complaints: And that ſhe was " inform'd by Mr. *Wright*, the Surgeon, that ſoon " after being taken with Fits, as uſual, and he the " ſaid *Cleland* being then in the Room, (the Nurſe " ſtanding by) he immediately upon her (the " Nurſe's) informing that ſhe had a conſtant Pain " between the Belly and Stomach, he the ſaid *Cle-* " *land* put his Hands into the Bed, where this In- " formant lay, and put his Finger up her Body; " at which Time ſhe was then, thro' her Diſor- " der, inſenble what he did: And ſhe ſaith, That " ſhe believeth it to be true; and the rather, be- " cauſe the ſaid Mr. *Cleland*, Two ſeveral Times " after, treated this Informant in the ſame Manner, " which ſhe ſaith he did contrary to the Deſire of " this Informant.'

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* See the Original *Information* of *Mary Hudſon*, in Page 3 of the *Narrative*.

Is the *Senſe* of this Affidavit altered in the leaſt by thus rectifying the Language? and can the Perſon who made it, lie under the Imputation of *Perjury*, becauſe the Clerk who took her Affidavit, in Writing, did not word it in the cleareſt Manner?

But the *wrong Wording* of this Affidavit, is all that Mr. *Cleland* finds Fault with; for he owns all * the Facts contained in her Affidavit, except that it was not done with her Deſire, but contrary to it.—But one can't wonder that a Perſon ſhould lay hold on this, as a Matter of Conſequence in his *Behalf*, who had been driven to ſo *hard a Shift*, as to endeavour to fix *Perjury* upon the *other Informant*, becauſe ſhe did know not with how many Fingers he examined her.†

But the artful Writer of the *Appeal* has ſuch frequent Recourſe to the Diſguiſes of the Truth, that it too plainly proves, that he is conſcious that the naked Truth is not on *his Side*; an Ornament *greatly wanting* to his *Matters of Fact*; which in his *Preface* he allows to be ſo *very neceſſary* to them. Upon this Principle of not adhering to *ſtrict Truth*, where he finds it *advantageous in his Cauſe* to vary from it, he has uſed poſitive Aſſertions againſt the concurrent Teſtimony of all the Servants of the Houſe, who alone could know the Truth of the Facts in Queſtion.——He has aſſerted, That the Girls never avoided him; when the whole Ward

* *Vide Appeal* p. 22.
† *Vide Appeal* p. 32.

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avers that *Mary Hooke*, upon hearing that he was coming, ran away and hid herſelf in the Neceſſary Houſe.—One of the Nurſes affirms that ſhe told him that the Girls were *affraid of him*; that he had *no Patient* in that Ward; and they did not deſire to ſee him there.——He aſſures the Reader, That *Sarah Appleby* found Benefit from his Manner of Treatment, and that all the Ward could Witneſs it.——Whereas the Matron, and many of the Ward, (Nurſes and Patients,) do aver, that ſhe always felt great Pain from what he did to her, and ſeemed much worſe after every Operation: That upon their aſking her, Why ſhe would ſuffer him to go on, when ſhe felt herſelf ſo much worſe?—To this ſhe anſwered, *That he had aſſured her that all was for her good, and ſhe would bear it.*

Page 13, He deſires his Reader to take it for granted, *That the Committee had broken through the Orders of the Houſe*: Whereas they do aver, That, throughout the whole Proceedings they never did, to the beſt of their Knowledge, tranſgreſs any one Order of the Houſe, in any particular.

Page 21 he aſſerts, *That there is no Law, Rule, or Order of the Houſe, that reſtrains me, or any other Surgeon belonging to it, from examining the Patients in general.*——Is it not an Order of *this, and every other Hoſpital* in *England*, that the ſeveral Surgeons belonging to the *Hoſpital* ſhall take in Patients, by Rotation, one *one* Week, and another the ſucceeding Week, as their Turns ſucceed?—Do not the Patients ſo taken in, belong to *particular* Surgeons,

geons, (according to their taking in) and are never to be meddled with by *any other* Surgeon, except in Caſes of *Neceſſity*; or when the *proper* Surgeon, to whom ſuch Patient belongs, is abſent *longer* than the Patient's Caſe will *admit?*——Does not every Body ſee, that this Rule muſt be inviolably obſerved, or that ſuch *Confuſion* muſt follow, as would *deſtroy* all *Hoſpitals?*——But Mr. *Pierce*, he ſays, *tranſgreſs'd* this Rule.——Had Mr. *Pierce* done a *wrong Thing*, it would not *juſtify* his doing *another wrong Thing*:—But the Fact he complains of was this: When the Phyſicians and Surgeons were going round the Houſe together, Mr. *Cleland* not being preſent, (he uſually chuſing to come a little before, or after theſe general Viſitations) one *Pugſley*, a Patient of Mr. *Cleland*'s, complained that his Foot grew worſe; and all the Gentlemen ſtopping, he removed his Dreſſings, and ſhewed his ſore. Mr. *Pierce* obſerving a large Fungus, and that the Dreſſing was Baſilicon, ſaid, *It would never be cured by ſuch Dreſſings*; and ſo went about his Buſineſs, without farther interfering with Mr. *Cleland*'s Patient: But tho' Mr. *Cleland* aſſerts, *That this Man was cured in ten or twelve Days, by the ſame Dreſſing*; it is well known, that his Foot was not well when he went out of the *Hoſpital*, (he being diſcharg'd for fear of falling into a Hectic Fever) and the Apothecary ſupplied him, at his Departure, with ſome Dreſſings for his Foot.

But the Committee likewiſe think, that Mr. *Cleland*'s Examinations of theſe Women, was a Breach of another *poſitive Order*, which ſays, *That*

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no conſiderable Operation ſhall be perform'd by any Surgeon, without previous Notice being given to the Phyſicians and Surgeons of the Houſe.—Now they are of Opinion, that the Examination of young Women, in the Manner Mr. *Cleland* did examine *Hooke* and *Hudſon*, (even without the Privity of the Phyſician or Surgeon to whom they belong'd) was a *manifeſt Breach of this Order*; and they can't think it reaſonable, that ſuch an Examination ſhould be looked upon as a *trivial Operation*, ſince very *ill Conſequences* would frequently attend the ſubjecting the *Women Patients* to the *vain Curioſity*, or *vicious Inclinations* of every Man of the Profeſſion belonging to the *Hoſpital*.

BUT it would be a Recapitulation of almoſt the whole Book, to remark all the *Variations from Truth* which compoſe it.—However, the Reader may expect that we ſhould ſay ſomething of that *moſt pompous Part of it*, which relates to the Evidences of Doctor *Smart* and Mr. *Trevanion*.

DOCTOR *Smart* depoſed, " That *Mary Hooke*, " the Informant, was believed by the People of " *Cheltenham*, to be a common Proſtitute; and that " he had heard her *ſpoke of* as ſuch, by Numbers; " and that it was likewiſe by his Deſire that *Mary* " *Hooke*'s Mother came over to get the Truth out " of her Daughter, in Relation to the Affair of " Mr. *Cleland*, *&c.*

NOTHING is worth obſerving in this Gentlman's Affidavit, but that he had thought Old *Mary Hooke*

a proper Inſtrument to diſcover the Truth! Whereas if what theſe Gentlemen ſay of her be true, the Committee were of Opinion, that ſhe was much more likely to help to diſguiſe it; and that if ſhe had met the *proper Perſons* at the Carrier's Inn, ſhe would have been induced to try, whether her Daughter could not have been prevail'd upon to own that ſhe had been threatened, or bribed into her Share of the *malicious Proſecution*; for ſo the Proceedings againſt Mr. *Cleland* were *modeſtly* and *politely* term'd.

THE Gentlemen muſt likewiſe own, that they believed *Mary Hooke*, the Daughter, (if their Character of her is juſt) very capable of ſuch an Influence; and therefore, as Mr. *Morris* was quite ignorant of what Sort of People ſhe was to go to, his Caution in not letting any Body come near her, in the Houſe, was very commendable.

ALL the Objections rais'd about *Mary Hooke*'s being ſworn, are *unreaſonable*, not to ſay worſe of them: If *no Evidence* is to be allow'd to ſwear, whoſe Affidavit is likely to contradict a foregoing *Evidence*, a Door is effectually open'd to the moſt *flagrant Perjury!* But ſhe was thought proper by Mr. *Cleland*'s Friends, to perſwade her Daughter, to ſpeak *Truth*; and therefore, by the Mayor, thought not an *improper Evidence*.

Mr. *Trevanion*'s Talk to the Committee, and his *Story* of the *Rape*, is ſo *artfully* introduc'd, with *his deſiring his Oath might be taken, in a judicial Manner*,

Manner, that many *unwary People* have taken this whole Paragraph to be a Part of his Affidavit; whereas he only ſwears *that he has known her for about theſe Two Years laſt paſt (by common Report at leaſt) and has heard, and believes ſhe is a Perſon of ill Fame, and not to be credited.*

ALL therefore that theſe Affidavits amount to, is no more, *than that the Girl*, Mary Hooke, *was one of very ill Fame, and therefore ought not to be credited.*——But is a Woman who wants Chaſtity incapable of ſwearing the *Truth*?—Or had the Committee any Reaſon to doubt the *Truth* of what ſhe had ſworn, when moſt of the Circumſtances ſhe had ſworn to, were corroborated by *many Witneſſes*?—We believe Nobody can think ſo.—We are extreamly ſorry if theſe Gentlemen who gave their Oaths in Favour of Mr. *Cleland*, have, by any Means ſuffered, by ſhewing ſo good and friendly an Intention; and we would ſtrictly avoid any *unjuſt Reflections*, or *unmannerly Reproaches* towards *Others*; as we ſee how *unbecoming* and *odious* they appear in thoſe, who, thro' *paſſionate Zeal*, treat Us in *that Manner*.

THE Conduct of the Committee being thus far reſcued from the *Miſrepreſentations* of the *Appeal*, We are confident that it will be *approved of*, by ſuch as will *calmly* and *diſpaſſionately* conſider the DUTY and OBLIGATIONS of Perſons, whom the PUBLICK have conſtituted GOVERNORS and GUARDIANS of the *Poor* and *Diſtreſſed* committed to their Charge. The *Rich* and *Powerful* are capable of

repelling Inſults and *puniſhing Injuries*; but the *Objects* of a HOSPITAL CHARITY, are *Helpleſs*, and liable to every Kind of *ill Treatment*, if they are not *protected* by *Thoſe*, to whoſe Care they are entruſted.

THE *Hoſpital* is the *Aſſylum* of the *Wretched*; and any *Breach of Truſt*, in Regard to theſe *Poor Creatures*, calls for a *more ſevere* and *more exemplary Puniſhment*, than the *ſame Miſdemeanours* would deſerve in another Place.

WHEN all the *Circumſtances* of Mr. *Cleland's* Caſe had been fully enquir'd into; they were *fairly* and *candidly* repreſented, in *One View*, to the COMMITTEE, by their *Chairman*, Doctor *Oliver*; as Mr. *Cleland* owns, in his *Appeal*, Page 33.——But notwithſtanding this *favourable* REPRESENTATION, *Thirteen* of the Gentlemen preſent were of Opinion, *That Mr.* Cleland *had been guilty of a* GREAT BREACH *of the* TRUST *repoſed in Him, by the* GOVERNORS *of the* HOSPITAL: *That he had acted* CONTRARY *to the* known *and* ſtated RULES *of* ALL *the* HOSPITALS *in* ENGLAND: *And that the Reaſons which He had aſſign'd for his Manner of* Treatment *of* Hooke *and* Hudſon, *were* Evaſive, Contradictory, *and* Abſurd: *They therefore judged it Their* DUTY, NO LONGER *to commit the* POOR *of the* HOSPITAL *to* HIS CARE: *And from a Senſe of that* DUTY, *ſigned His* DISMISSION; *the* Chairman *giving his Vote laſt.*

Mr.

MR. *Cleland* having misrepresented a Discourse I had with him, when he met me in the *Grove*; I think it proper to vindicate myself by the following true Relation of it.

I met Mr. *Cleland* one Evening in the *Grove*; he accosted me and said, "He was sorry to hear I "was so much his Enemy".—— I told him, "I "was no Man's Enemy; consequently not his, who "had never done me Injury, and with whom I had "so slight an Acquaintance: But if he meant it, "of what was then depending in the *Hospital*, I "own'd I was one of the Foremost in thinking him "guilty of Indecent and very Imprudent Practices, "if what sworn against him was true; the principal "Facts of which I observ'd, he could not deny, "(for we walk'd several Turns discoursing upon "this Subject) but that I wish'd he might be able "to make a good Deffence: That I was sorry for "his Sake for what had happen'd; but that I could "not shut my Eyes against Demonstration. How-"ever, that if he still persisted in thinking me his "Enemy all I could do for him was to absent my-"self, (or go out of Town) the Day his Case came

"on,

" on, if he, or his Friends desired it; but that if " I was there, I certainly would give my Opinion, " according to my Conscience". Mr. *Cleland* answer'd, " That he did not desire my Absence; " believing me an honest Man, *&c. &c.*

THIS is to the Best of my Recollection, the Truth; and if I could suppose that my Word was not of equal Weight with Mr. *Cleland's*, I would take my Oath of it.

December 21. **Paul Bertrand.**

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